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	AX	Freudenheim, Milt, <u>The New York Times</u> , Business Day, <u>The Tiniest, Kindest Cut of all/Small Incisions Make Surgeries Cheaper</u> , Wednesday, July 10, 1991						
	AY	Shenot, Christine, <u>Investor's Daily</u> , <u>New Surgery: Faster, Cheaper, Less Painful</u> , Monday, September 10, 1990						
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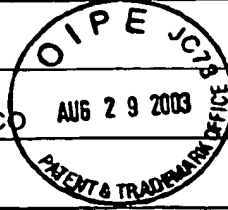
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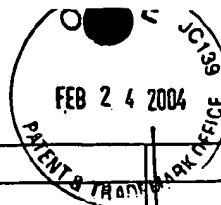
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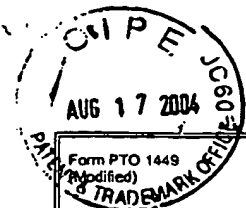
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